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## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. North Vietnam

First-day world press and propaganda reactions to the US raids on the Haiphong - Hanoi - Do Son petroleum handling facilities seem a little less strident than might have been expected, although Peking has not yet commented editorially. The general reaction is so far following well-beaten lines. Both the Soviets and the North Vietnamese, however, predictably described the attacks as a serious escalation of the war. Hanoi has not publicly specified the actual nature of the targets.

[redacted] at the time of the raid at Haiphong, eight Soviet ships, including two tankers and six dry cargo vessels, were in the port area. None were alongside the petroleum unloading jetty, and none were damaged.

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Free world reactions have so far followed predictable patterns.

2. South Vietnam

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General Ky told Ambassadors Lodge and Unger in a conversation on Tuesday evening that Tam Chau had said he would not boycott the elections next September.

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### 3. Vietnam

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### 4. Zambia

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Negotiations over how much Britain should pay Zambia for its increased participation in economic sanctions against Rhodesia have now broken down. Zambia is demanding about double what London offered and wants long-term aid to boot.

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## 5. Soviet Union

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## 6. Argentina

The military regime continues to operate smoothly, and the country remains calm. Retired General Ongania has been inaugurated as provisional president and may soon announce his cabinet.

Military commanders have been assigned to each provincial government and have already started to assemble their cabinets and to make appointments. A group of civilian lawyers has been chosen for the national Supreme Court.

Latin American reaction to the coup has been relatively mild. Brazil plans to recognize the new government shortly, but Venezuela will apparently not recognize it, and Colombia has suspended relations. A few officials of other countries have privately expressed concern that coup fever might be catching.

## 7. Ecuador

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## 8. Guatemala

Further violence appears likely. Some right-wing extremists and military officers intend somehow to prevent the 1 July inauguration.

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We believe the government will be able to get through the inauguration but new president Mendez may be presented with a tense situation, at least in the capital.

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## 9. Dominican Republic

The situation in Santo Domingo appears calm.

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Without the active support of non-Communist opponents of Balaguer--which does not appear to be forthcoming at this time--Communist leaders have little chance of mounting large-scale, organized disorders of sufficient scope to discredit the new government.

Isolated acts of terrorism, especially against members of the inaugural party, cannot be ruled out, however.

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10. Congo (Brazzaville)      The situation remains confused despite domestic broadcasts claiming that the crisis has passed. The radical regime's political leadership and fractious army elements appear to be in something of a standoff, and it is not clear just who in the country is supporting whom.

President Massamba-Débat is due to arrive back in the country tomorrow, and may have difficulty in exercising any real authority.

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